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Rev. W. H. Bidwell
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P.S.

Mr Bidwell allows me to say another word in reference to a London Correspondent. Such an arrangement is highly desirable — but no Englishman would probably be worth hiring. If you were disposed to remain in Great Britain for a while, we could probably get you the ~~paid~~ correspondence of some 4 or more papers, — viz. Puritan — one commercial paper in New York, one in Philadelphia, & some one, by whom a sufficient remuneration might be obtained to support you. Then, if you should receive a call — a thing which has overtaken some American clergymen, your livelihood would be handsomely made out.

We suggest it, because it is so a plan which Bro Torrey was desirous to carry out in respect to himself.

Yours truly

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In regard to the order for paying over the amount for your correspondence; the specified sum will be held subject to your order in the way most agreeable or convenient to yourself. If you give Mr. Johnson an order on me for $4. per week it will be paid, & then what shall be done with the other $6.? You can give an order as you judge best. Or if you choose to let it accumulate on my hands for 10. or 12 weeks you can pay your fare homeward by a draft at sight or three days sight on me to that amount say $60. or $70. dollars. I make this suggestion to aid you making up the $75. additional which you need, if the $400. you speak of includes your passage money homeward. It would be to you the same as ready money when you wanted to pay your fare without the ~~losing~~ risk of losing it in the meantime. But in that case you might need to take along a memorandum certificate from the agent of the Steam Co. in Boston to satisfy the agent on the other side that it would be paid. Dr. Anderson I presume would certify to the agent here if need be. Though your own word would be doubtless taken. I paid my fare home from London by a draft on New York & the draft came in the same ship & when I arrived I paid it. We hope your arrangements will be satisfactorily completed & that you will have a pleasant passage.

Very truly yours

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Your favor of yesterday came to hand this morning. We are much gratified that your plans have succeeded to take you to London. In other circumstances I would not hesitate a moment to make the loan if I did not also act on the other benevolent suggestion. But my heavy liabilities from the purchase of the Evangelist & the funds necessary to carry it on & meet deficiencies & make prompt cash payments for all expenses press on me the necessity of using all my funds to the best advantage. My payments are of such a nature that they must be met promptly in order to protect my credit.

You enquire if we wish a resident correspondent in London? Yes. if _you_ will reside there & take a London Congregation & write for us & two or three other papers. Perhaps you will entain the suggestion & remain two or three years abroad after sending for your family.

In respect to any other resident correspondent we should like to know about him first.

Mr Johnson did not suppose washing to be included & assents to your views in that respect.

You desire Br. Johnson to be with you some days before you sail. I think you may expect to see him on Thursday or friday morning of next week in Boston.

In respect to the amount due you from the old firm, the gentlemen have the matter in hand & will if possible remit a part or all to you in time or send it by Bro. Johnson.